THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) The Literacy campaigns which were started shortly after establishment of National Literacy Mission in 1988 have laid special emphasis on women's participation.

(b) 61 percent of all learners under the literacy campaigns are women. Special emphasis is laid on women's issues to make them aware of their rights and secure their participation in the development process. Out of the approximately 63.64 million persons made literate so far, approximately 38.82 million are women.

Pensionary Benefits to Soldiers of Second World War

273. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soldiers who participated in the Second World War are entitled to pensionary benefits;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any study about the number of soldiers who participated in the Second World War and are still alive;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the ex-servicemen's Associations have represented the problems of the Second World War soldiers to the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (e) During the Second World War, a large number of persons were recruited to the British Indian Army for the duration of war for short periods ranging from 2-6 years. They were retrenched after the termination of War. They were paid admissible war/service gratuity as full compensation for the service rendered by them. Since they had not put in the requisite minimum qualifying service for pension, they were not eligible for service pension. It is estimated that the number of such Second World War veterans (non-pensioners) still alive is 1,40,000.

The various ex-Servicemen Associations have been representing that the above mentioned Second World War veterans may be granted pension or financial assistance. This demand has been considered by the Government and it has not been found feasible to accept the same.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas Deposits

274. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether crude oil and natural gas deposits have been found in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of places;

(c) whether any plan is being drawn up to exploit these deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last three years ONGC and OIL have established oil and gas finds at about 47 places in the Wastern Offshore and in the State of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. The details of the places are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) Most of these discoveries are at different stages of delineation and development. However, most of the discoveries in Assam have been put on production either through early production system or on test production.

Statement

Hydrocarbon finds made during 1994-97 by ONGC

S. No.	Field Name	State	Type
1	2	3	4
1.	B-15	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
2.	GS-23	(East (Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
3.	B-193	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
4.	C-37	(West Coast) Offshore	Gas
5.	B-153	(West Coast) Offshore	Gas
6.	WO-16	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
7.	WO-15	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
8.	Patharia	Assam	Gas
9.	Perungulam	Tamil Nadu	Gas
10.	B-15A	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
11.	C-43	(West Coast) Offshore	Gas
12.	C-39	(West Coast) Offshore	Gas
13.	Lankapalem	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
14.	Mullikipalle	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
15.	Adivipalem	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
16.	Bhubandar	Assam	Gas

1	2	3	4
17.	Khamboi	Gujarat	Oil
18.	Mahadevapattram	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
19.	Pundi	Tamil Nadu	Oil
20.	Kizhvalur	Tamil Nadu	Oil
21.	B-28	(West Coast) Offshore	Oil+Gas
22.	Wadaswa	Gujarat	Oil
23.	Enugupalli	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
24.	Kesanapalli-west	Andhra Pradesh	Oil
25.	Rangapuram	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
26.	Kherwa	Gujarat	Oil
27.	Kuthalam	Tamil Nadu	Gas
28.	Asmali	Gujarat	Oil
29.	Mekrang	Assam	Oil
30.	Hirapur	Gujarat	Oil
31.	Sadewala	Rajasthan	Gas
32.	Tulsapalnam	Tamil Nadu	Oil
33.	Periyapattinum	Tamil Nadu	Gas
34.	Magatapalli	Andhra Pradesh	Gas

Places Discovered by Oil during the Last Three Years

	Structure	State	Type
35.	Baggi Tibba	Rajasthan	Gas
36.	Bordibu	Assam	Oil
37.	Bhekulajan	Assam	Oil
38.	Rajali	Assam	Oil
39.	Rangoliting	Assam	Oil
40.	Borhapjan	Assam	Oil
41.	Tamulikhat	Assam	Oil
42.	Modarkhat	Assam	Oil
43.	Jutlibari	Assam	Oil
44.	Bachmatia	Assam	Oil
45.	Chabua	Assam	Oil
46.	Sealkati	Assam	Gas
47.	Deohal	Assam	Gas

[Translation]

Permission to Private Airlines to Operate on Long Routes

275. SHRI SUKHDEO PASWAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private airlines which have been granted permission to operate on long routes;

(b) the reason why these airlines have not been assigned short routes;

(c) the criteria being followed for granting permission to operate on different routes; and

(d) the Airport-wise income accrued from the various private airlines in the country during 1995-96 and 1996-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) There are at present 7 private airlines :-

1. M/s Archana Airways
2. M/s Jet Airways
3. M/s Sahara India Airlines
4. M/s East West Airlines
5. M/s Modiluft
6. M/s NEPC Airlines
7. M/s Skyline NEPC

At present only first three are operating scheduled services. Other four are not operating at present.

All domestic scheduled airlines are permitted to operate on various routes as proposed by them subject to their compliance with the route dispersal guidelines, according to which at least 10% of the capacity deployed on Category I routes (trunk routes connecting metro cities) is to be deployed in the Category II routes (connecting the North Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep), of which 1% capacity is to be deployed exclusively within Category II stations. 50% of the capacity provided on Category I routes is to be provided on Category III routes (other than Category I and Category II routes).

(d) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Airport-wise Traffic Revenue from Private Airlines (Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Airport Name	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4
1.	Ahmedabad	241.77	253.08
2.	Aurangabad	20.34	21.29
3.	Agra	0.49	0.37
4.	Amritsar	10.66	8.02